

FLEET "INVADE" U. S. COAST ROUTED

"Enemy" Submarines Are Sunk and Many Warships Destroyed.

ALL IN A SHAM FIGHT

Atlantic Squadron Shows How an Attack by Sea Could Be Warded Off.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—An interesting sham battle fought in foggy weather off the Atlantic coast by rival squadrons of the fleet resulted in the successful defense of the coast from "enemy" attack and the destruction of the "enemy" submarines by the defending squadron. A report on the theoretical battle was made to Secretary Daniels today by Rear Admiral William S. Benson, chief of naval operations, who has just returned from a week's visit to the fleet.

The Atlantic fleet after leaving Newport, R. I., was divided into an enemy attacking force having as its object a raid on the coast, and a defending force to repulse and destroy the attackers. Each side had battleships, destroyers and auxiliary craft, as required in war. The rival forces then separated.

The first problem for the defenders was to locate the attacking force, which threatened to strike at any point within a considerable radius. As the weather was hazy and at times almost foggy, this task was difficult. The smaller craft steamed out to pursue the search, and word was later wireless to the battleships that "enemy" submarines had been located steaming shoreward.

A sharp engagement followed between the underwater craft and the smaller type of vessel screening the battleships. The foggy weather apparently permitted the smaller vessels to reach the submarines before they could submerge, and a three pounder and three inch gun made matters too hot for the "enemy" submarines. Such of them that could not submerge in time were theoretically shot to pieces and the attack was effectively repulsed.

The locating of the "enemy" heavier forces followed and placed the attackers at a distinct disadvantage. Had it been real war the battleships of the "enemy" would have suffered severely and not accomplished their object of raiding the coast.

Rear Admiral Benson said there was the keenest interest in the theoretical battle. It was, he said, a very beneficial practice for the officers and men. Last Saturday the battle efficiency pennant was hoisted on the Texas, Capt. John Hood, commander. The gunnery trophy was presented to the officers and crew of the ship. This was done with appropriate ceremony by the Navy Department, represented by Admiral Benson. The engineering trophy was presented to the officers and crew of the Michigan, Capt. Carlo B. Brittain in command.

The protected cruiser Galveston, commander Edward S. Kellogg, has been awarded the gunnery trophy for the cruiser class. The Galveston is with the Atlantic fleet. This is the third consecutive year she has won the trophy. Her percentage was 79.35.

ARTILLERYMEN GET PLATTSBURG SHOCK

Only Ten of New York Regiment Permitted to Take Elective Course.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 14.—There was great disappointment among the thirty-five members of the artillery training regiment of New York who came to the camp of military instruction on the opening day when they were informed by the camp commander today that but ten of their number could take the artillery branch of the service as elective work. Under the rules of the camp only such men as have attended a previous camp are permitted to take elective courses.

The members of the detachment believed that having been under instruction in artillery during the past winter they would be permitted to take the same course at the camp. Major-General Wood finally modified the order to the extent that during the week of the practice march and maneuvers the men were to be permitted to specialize in field artillery.

William K. Payne of Auburn, a son of the State Senator, today entered the camp and was assigned to Company M, Eighth Regiment. He is one of the least of the army of Auburn. Bishop Perry of Providence is a member of Company I, Eighth Regiment, and one of the most enthusiastic "troopers" in the camp. He said this evening he became a member of the camp to prove his belief in the matter of preparedness and that he might be better prepared to preach to his people on training camps, and to defend them against the attacks of the "peace at any price" party.

Ninety-two members of the camp have selected the cavalry for their elective work, thirty-nine have taken field artillery, thirty-one engineering, twenty the medical course and fifteen have formed the machine gun company.

\$5,000,000 A MONTH FOR ARMY.

El Paso District Alone Used \$2,449,415 in July.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 14.—Some idea of the cost of the maintenance of the army on the border may be had from the expenditures by the El Paso district for the month of July.

His total expenditures, according to figures available today, were \$2,449,415.89, and he supplies only the forces from El Paso to Yuma, including the Pershing forces in Mexico. It is believed by army officers that the El Paso expense is about as much as the other two districts combined. This would bring the total expense of maintaining the army as it is now constituted on the border up to about \$5,000,000 a month.

MEXICANS FIRE ON OUTPOSTS.

Bullet Hits Near Captain Investigating the Shootings.

EL PASO, Aug. 14.—When Capt. Chester E. Statton of the Eighth Massachusetts Infantry stepped on the mud flats along the Rio Grande to investigate a report that several shots had been fired at private Philip Smith of Company H, one of his outposts, from the Mexican side, a bullet kicked up the water about fifty feet away, according to his report to military headquarters this evening.

The shooting occurred near a point where Massachusetts outposts reported having been shot at several times previously.

PEDDLER DISAVOWS KILLING OF PHELPS

Irving King, in Jail at Albion, N. Y., Now Repudiates Confession.

STIELOW'S AIDS ACCUSE

Mrs. Humiston Says She Expected Recantation—Admission of Crime.

ALBION, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Irving King, the peddler who confessed to Mrs. Grace Humiston, the New York lawyer, and others at Little Valley on Friday night that he and Clarence O'Connell murdered Charles Phelps and Miss Margaret Wolcott at West Shelby, N. Y., in March last, repudiated his confession today.

District Attorney Knickerbocker of Orleans county and George W. Newton, the private detective who collected part of a \$5,000 reward for bringing about the conviction of Charles F. Stielow, now in the Sing Sing debt house for the crime, succeeded in getting King to repudiate his confession after spending much time with him since the prisoner was brought here yesterday from Little Valley.

Mrs. Humiston, who came here from Osaing when she learned that Newton, the private detective, had assisted in escorting King to the Albion jail, declared that she expected King to recant his confession and admit the presence of five reputable Albion citizens.

Says He Was Bribed to Confess.

He said that when he confessed to the murder of the old farmer and his housekeeper he was promised a part of \$5,000 which was being held in Orleans county for the defense of Stielow. He insisted he was also promised that if he confessed he would not go to jail for more than a year. He declared that on the night of the double tragedy he was in a saloon several miles from the scene of the murder. Several men who were in the saloon at the time, he said, can establish his alibi.

Mrs. Humiston and David A. White of Medina, Stielow's attorney of record, asked District Attorney Knickerbocker to be shown a copy of King's recantation. The district attorney said he had told them he knew of no such statement. When Mrs. Humiston and White arrived at the jail and asked permission to see King they were informed by the sheriff that no one was allowed to visit the prisoner.

Last Saturday King knickerbocker made a statement in which he said: "I could make criticism of the methods which have been indulged in by the State of New York in order to prevent the administration of justice."

Cost \$15,000 of County's Money.

In reply to this Mrs. Humiston and Mr. White jointly issued the following: "The course that is being pursued in Orleans county in this case is not surprising in view of the large reward that has been paid to Newton by the Phelps family and the mistake that has been made in the expenditure of approximately \$15,000 of the county's money. Of this \$15,000, \$12,000 has been paid to Newton's detective agency for the blunder of convicting the wrong man."

"We at this time give to the press the confession, in affidavit form, made by King to the county jail at Little Valley on August 11, sworn to by him before Justice of the Peace Roland H. Pratt in the presence of Sheriff C. E. Nichols, Thomas O'Driscoll, Mrs. Humiston and Under Sheriff Wheaton M. K. Hughes, Ava Valliant and Surrogate Larkin of Cattaraugus county, who asked all the questions that were addressed to King. We call upon the authorities of Orleans county to be equally frank with the public."

He Felt He Ought to Tell All.

According to the copy of King's original confession, Surrogate Larkin of Cattaraugus county, who questioned him repeatedly, asked him if he appreciated what the results of his admission might mean to him, and he declared that he felt that he ought to confess even though one man had threatened him in any way, and he added that he hadn't had a drink in two days.

King told of riding with O'Connell in a buggy to the Phelps farmhouse and entering by the back way. "Right here," he went on, "I picked up an old broom and hacked the end of it with an old axe that stood there. We went up to the back door and rapped. He opened the door and we both walked in."

"He threw up his hands and said, 'You both get out of here.' I up with the stick and hit him and he fell. He fell toward the stove. He had a hold of the doorknob and he reeled around and fell toward the stove and fell kind of onto his face. "I said to O'Connell: 'Go and get the money. You know where it is.' And as he started through the door the woman came running out in her nightgown. She went out of the door, then she came in. As she went out of the door she caught it, but it did not shut tight. O'Connell just shot once at her."

Shot Phelps Three Times.

Surrogate Larkin questioned King: Q. Did you hear her holler? A. I thought I heard a noise, but I did not know.

Q. What did O'Connell do next? A. He turned around and shot Phelps three times. I think all the shots hit him.

Q. Did he groan? A. Yes, he made a little noise, moved his legs a little. I do not know what O'Connell did with the gun, but he went into the next room and came out with the money. I do not remember of seeing

PREPARATIONS have been completed at the Navy Yard for the cruise along the Atlantic coast of about 1,000 civilians. The battleships Maine, Kentucky and New Jersey are in readiness for the citizen sailors. Owing to the inability of many who have signed their intention of joining the cruise to reach the city until late today, the departure may not be made until to-morrow morning. The photograph shows the citizen sailors aboard the Maine filling their dunnage bags.

The three ships will be under the command of Rear Admiral Helm, commander of the Atlantic reserve fleet. Officers designated by the Secretary of the Navy will instruct the voyagers in drilling, handling of guns, fire control system and other essentials. The battleships will steam to Gardiner's Bay, where they will anchor for a week. The cruise is expected to last about a month.



THREE DIE IN JERSEY MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Boy Killed by a Car Driven on a Sidewalk in Hackensack.

Just as I got in front of the Dry House I met a farmer driving, and I asked him where he was going. He said he was going to Akron, and I asked him if I could get there quicker by riding with him than waiting for a train, and he said yes, because I could not get out of there before 8 o'clock, and he would be there long before that. I do not know who he was. He had one horse and a buggy.

Justice of the Peace H. C. Tucker issued a warrant today charging King with murder in the first degree in connection with the deaths of Phelps and Mrs. Wolcott. He declined, however, to make public the name of the complainant.

Attorney White, who defended Stielow on trial, characterized King's recantation as "ridiculous, false and inspired." He denied that friends of Stielow were responsible for the warrant lodged against King.

The announcement that King had taken back everything he said in his original confession did not surprise those who advised Mrs. Humiston to hasten to Albion. Mr. Kohn said that the man's original confession was made freely and corroborated of at least three important details in it has been obtained. Counsel for Stielow went over some of the legal matters involved in the case, and he was satisfied they would get a new trial for Stielow, the condemned man, at the court proceedings before Justice Rodenbeck in Rochester on August 23.

DANIELS' AID TO GO TO SEA.

Commander Wurtsbaugh Will Be on One of New Battleships.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Secretary Daniels announced today that his aid, Commander M. W. Wurtsbaugh, would at his own request go to sea as executive officer of one of the new battleships.

Islands Found 'Convalescents' Home.

WHITE PLAINS, Aug. 14.—Members of the Iselin family filed today a certificate of incorporation of St. Eleanor's Home for Convalescents in Tonawanda. The directors are George Iselin, Eleanor I. Kane, Adrian Iselin, Jr., and Columbus O'Donnell Iselin, all of whom have homes in Manhattan and New Rochelle.

24 N. Y. SOLDIERS OBTAIN RELEASES

Ordered to Camp Whitman, There to Receive Their Federal Discharge.

HASKELL STIRS UP 69TH

Inform the Officers That "the Deadwood Will Have to Go."

HEADQUARTERS New York Division, MOUNTAIN, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Twenty-four enlisted men, the first considerable number to obtain releases from the New York division under the dependent relative provision, were ordered today to proceed to Camp Whitman, New York, to receive their discharges. This order follows the new ruling of the War Department whereby men discharged in circumstances entitling them to travel allowances are required to report to their State mobilization camps.

From eight to ten days are consumed in putting an application through, but with action on such cases now started it is expected there will be a more or less steady stream of discharges.

Three regiments only were represented in releases announced by the War Department. The Seventh Infantry the following privates: Theodore Freeman, Company G; Copley Clark, Harvey K. Lines and Desmond C. McDonough, Company F; James E. Nugent, Company D; James E. McGuire, Company M; Carl A. Volmer, Company C; Kenneth P. Lockett, Joseph Horn and Quentin F. Hauck, headquarters company. Charles E. Bacheider, Medical Corps. From the First Cavalry: Henry W. Higgins, Troop C; Douglas H. McAlister, Troop B; Thomas H. Nesbitt, Troop D; Stoddard, Troop E; Maurice H. Peckham and Henry V. Drejza, Troop G; Walter Tigar, Troop K; William J. Gilbert, Harry H. Emerson, Harold B. Gillett and John H. Booth, Troop M. From the Twelfth Infantry: George Ward, Company C.

This circular letter, signed by M. W. Stevenson, comptroller, has been received by employees of the Mutual Life Insurance Company in the camps here.

"In view of the order issued by the Secretary of War permitting those soldiers who have dependents to obtain their discharge and return home, it is not deemed that the continuance of salary by this company is further warranted. This company will therefore discontinue as of August 31, 1916, the payment of salary to all employees in the military service."

25 MASS. GUARDS PARDONED.

But Clarke Faces Court-martial for Published Articles.

COLOMBUS, N. M., Aug. 14.—The Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Guardsmen who signed a petition supporting the statement made by Private Hugh Clarke, a comrade now under arrest on the charge of sending out false and malicious reports concerning his superior officers, have been pardoned. It was announced here today that Clarke, whose articles appeared in a Holyoke, Mass., newspaper, will face a general court-martial in the latter part of this month, in the statement at regimental headquarters.

HOSPITAL TRAIN FOR ARMY.

Ten Coaches to Be Used on Border Are Thoroughly Equipped.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—The first hospital train to be built for the United States Government has been completed by a Chicago car building firm and will leave here to-morrow morning for San Antonio, Tex.

The train, consisting of ten coaches, is said to be as modern in equipment as any now in use in Europe. It has a service car, a dining car, a kitchen, a bathroom, a thoroughly equipped operating room; six cars for patients, one standard Pullman, a combination baggage and library car and a kitchen.

FROST IN THE ALLEGHANIES.

It Remembers a Light Snow—30 Degree Drop in Temperature.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Aug. 14.—Reports from Deer Park and other points in the Alleghenies this morning told of a drop in temperature to 30 degrees.

The frost resembled a light snow. Considerable damage resulted.

3000 AMERICANS NEED AID.

Clothes Asked for Refugees Who Were Robbed by Mexicans.

One hundred Americans, men, women and children, who fled over the border from Mexico, are at Laredo, Tex., with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The Mexicans stole everything else from them.

Mrs. Alice McKay Kelly, secretary of the National Patriotic Relief Committee, has telegraphed the office here, 165 West Fortieth street, asking that an appeal be made for contributions. She is at Laredo and vouches for the need of the Americans.

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Alexander Willbanks, 230 Pound Evangelist, Preaches a Real Hell of Fire.

The Rev. Alexander Willbanks, the 230 pound negro evangelist, known as the "Black Billy Sunday," who preaches a real hell of fire and brimstone, discoursed last night to a congregation of 2,000 in the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, at 120 West 138th street. Several hundred who could not get in were turned away. The revival, which is to last until September, was opened Sunday, when there were 125 conversions in the congregation, which filled the tabernacle to capacity.

"Hell is as necessary as jail," the evangelist says, and he does not fail to picture a hell with a punch in it in his nightly exhortations. "A Voice from Hell" is the theme of the sermon he uses most effectively to bring the sinners to the mourners' bench. "It is the same old hell," he says. "The devil is still doing business at the same old stand."

The strenuous methods which gained him the title of the "Black Billy Sunday" he declares were not copied after those of the baseball evangelist. Negro preachers, he explains, were using strong gestures in exhorting the "brethren and sisters" long before Billy Sunday was born. Billy Sunday "has nothing on" the negro evangelist when it comes to pounding the pulpit and smashing the furniture. The fact is that it takes strong furniture to hold Billy's 230 pounds even in moments of repose.

He does not have an expensive staff with him to conduct his meetings, and he is his own singing leader. He also frequently sings a solo in the midst of a sermon. The evangelist believes in congregational singing, he says, because his negro "brethren" are fond of music and sing well.

Black Billy followed White Billy at the tabernacle in Philadelphia. During the eight weeks he preached there 3,400 conversions took place, he says. He preached on Saturday nights to white people exclusively. The evangelist has recently conducted successful revivals in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Missouri. When not engaged in evangelistic work he is pastor of the Friendship Negro Baptist Church in Washington, D. C.

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